

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 19, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 45, 1/10/2017; SB 71, 1/10/2017; SJ 4, 1/13/2017

HEARING ON SB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 45, Revise drug and mental health treatment court laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:10 Adrienne Slaughter, Montana Department of Corrections
00:05:10 Beth McLaughlin, administrator, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)
00:06:59 Greg Pinski, District Court judge, Great Falls; member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee
00:12:52 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association
00:13:37 Monique Casbeer, self

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:37 Will Soller, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:20 Sen. Moe
00:16:07 Mr. Pinski
00:17:25 Sen. Moe
00:18:10 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC
00:18:25 Sen. Sands
00:18:54 Mr. Pinski

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:13 Sen. MacDonald

HEARING ON SB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:42 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 71, Provide for an intervention hearing for parolees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:33 Adrienne Slaughter, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:13 Sen. Swandal
00:29:30 Ms. Slaughter, DOC
00:29:57 Sen. Hinkle
00:30:16 Sen. Gross
00:30:59 Ms. Slaughter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:55 Sen. Gross

HEARING ON SJ 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:23 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SJ 4, Interim study of crossroads correctional center.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:30 Adrienne Slaughter, Montana Department of Corrections
00:36:10 S. K. Rossi, ACLU/Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:13 Mark Baker, CoreCivic/Crossroads Correctional Center
[EXHIBIT\(jus14a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:42:39 Amber Robbins, performance auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)
[EXHIBIT\(jus14a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jus14a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:41 Sen. Vincent
00:43:58 Ms. Robbins, LAD
00:44:35 Sen. Vincent
00:45:15 Sen. MacDonald

00:48:01 Chairman Regier
00:48:09 Sen. MacDonald
00:48:26 Sen. Gross
00:49:03 Sen. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:25 Sen. MacDonald
00:51:44 Chairman Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:52 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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